

CLAIMS:

1. A method in a remote computer network for interactively delivering business chamber resources to business chamber customers via a web-based portal, wherein said remote computer network has at least one client connectable to one or more servers, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a list of particularized supplier data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said particularized supplier data is accessible via said web-based portal;

displaying interactive training data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said interactive training data is displayed within said web-based portal;

compiling banking and lending data tailored to a particular user, in response to a particular user input, wherein said compiled banking and lending data is accessible via said web-based portal;
and

displaying online business chamber management tools within said web-based portal dedicated to enhancing business chamber management, communication and productivity.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating a list of particularized supplier data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said particularized supplier data is accessible via said web-based portal, further comprises the steps of:

compiling a supplier database having supply data therein;

analyzing said supply database in response to a user request to view particular supply data;

automatically notifying a particular supplier associated with said particular supply data;

permitting said supplier to contact said user, in response to automatically notifying said particular supplier associated with said particular supply data, thereby enabling a procurement opportunity for said user; and

automatically tracking entries of said user to compile a history of said user's purchasing opportunities and supply data questions.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of displaying interactive training data, in response to a particular user input,

wherein said interactive training data is displayed within said web-based portal, further comprises the steps of:

prompting a user to select particular training data;

displaying training data via an online curriculum within said web-based portal, in response to a user selection of particular training data;

accessing said online curriculum;

interactively permitting user to provide user feedback, in response to accessing said online curriculum; and

evaluating said user feedback to provide educational and training responses thereof.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of compiling banking and lending data tailored to a particular user, in response to a particular user input, wherein said compiled banking and lending data is accessible via said web-based portal, further comprises the step of:

permitting lending institutions to post banking and lending data within said web-based portal;

prompting a user to select particular banking and lending data from said web-based portal;

tracking said user's selections and responses thereof.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of compiling banking and lending data tailored to a particular user, in response to a particular user input, wherein said compiled banking and lending data is accessible via said web-based portal, further comprises the step of:

analyzing user-provided financial data from a user;

referring said user to a particular lending institution; and

generating an online application template by which a user may enter data to request a loan from said particular lending institution, if said user indicates a desire to apply for a loan from said particular lending institution.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the step of displaying online business chamber management tools within said web-based portal dedicated to enhancing business chamber management, communication and productivity, further comprises the steps of:

compiling an online chamber membership directory according to industry codes;

organizing said online chamber membership directory according to categories based on said industry codes;

permitting a user to update said online chamber membership directory via said web-based portal.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of displaying online business chamber management tools within said web-based portal dedicated to enhancing business chamber management, communication and productivity, further comprises the steps of:

compiling an online library of business chamber member-contributed data; and

permitting a user to access said online library via said web-based portal.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of:

permitting selected users to remotely customize said web-based portal to display information tailored to a particular local market.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the step of accessing said online curriculum, further comprises the steps of:

permitting a user to access an online curriculum session;

recording a position of said user in said online curriculum session, if said user terminates said online curriculum session accessed by said user; and

resuming said online curriculum session at said position, in response to an immediately succeeding access of said online curriculum session by said user, thereby enabling said user to return to said online curriculum session at said user's personal convenience.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of:

recording a particular amount of time associated with said online curriculum session.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of:

permitting said user to author particular web-based content utilizing predefined web-based authoring tools accessible through said web-based portal.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of:

configuring said particular web-based content to a particular
local market utilizing said predefined web-based authoring tools.

13. A system in a remote computer network for interactively delivering business chamber resources to business chamber customers via a web-based portal, wherein said remote computer network has at least one client connectable to one or more servers, said system comprising:

procurement module for generating a list of particularized supplier data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said particularized supplier data is accessible via said web-based portal;

training module for displaying interactive training data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said interactive training data is displayed within said web-based portal;

access-to-capital module for compiling banking and lending data tailored to a particular user, in response to a particular user input, wherein said compiled banking and lending data is accessible via said web-based portal; and

chamber management module for displaying online business chamber management tools within said web-based portal dedicated to enhancing business chamber management, communication and productivity.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein said procurement module further comprises:

module for compiling a supplier database having supply data therein;

module for analyzing said supply database in response to a user request to view particular supply data;

module automatically notifying a particular supplier associated with said particular supply data;

module for permitting said supplier to contact said user, in response to automatically notifying said particular supplier associated with said particular supply data, thereby enabling a procurement opportunity for said user; and

module for automatically tracking entries of said user to compile a history of said user's purchasing opportunities and supply data questions.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein said training module further comprises:

module for prompting a user to select particular training data;

module for displaying training data via an online curriculum within said web-based portal, in response to a user selection of particular training data;

module for accessing said online curriculum;

module for interactively permitting user to provide user feedback, in response to accessing said online curriculum; and

module for evaluating said user feedback to provide educational and training responses thereof.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein said access-to-capital module further comprises:

module for permitting lending institutions to post banking and lending data within said web-based portal;

module for prompting a user to select particular banking and lending data from said web-based portal; and

module for tracking said user's selections and responses thereof.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein said access-to-capital module further comprises:

module for analyzing user-provided financial data from a user;

module for referring said user to a particular lending institution; and

module for generating an online application template by which a user may enter data to request a loan from said particular lending institution, if said user indicates a desire to apply for a loan from said particular lending institution.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein said chamber management module further comprises:

module for compiling an online chamber membership directory according to industry codes;

module for organizing said online chamber membership directory according categories based on said industry codes; and

module for permitting a user to update said online chamber membership directory via said web-based portal.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein said chamber management module further comprises:

module for compiling an online library of business chamber member-contributed data; and

module for permitting a user to access said online library via said web-based portal.

20. The system of claim 19 further comprising:

module for permitting selected users to remotely customize said web-based portal to display information tailored to a particular local market.

21. The system of claim 20 wherein the step of accessing said online curriculum, further comprises:

module for permitting a user to access an online curriculum session;

module for recording a position of said user in said online curriculum session, if said user terminates said online curriculum session accessed by said user; and

module for resuming said online curriculum session at said position, in response to an immediately succeeding access of said online curriculum session by said user, thereby enabling said user to return to said online curriculum session at said user's personal convenience.

22. The system of claim 21 further comprising:

module for recording a particular amount of time associated with said online curriculum session.

23. The system of claim 22 further comprising:

module for permitting said user to author particular web-based content utilizing predefined web-based authoring tools accessible through said web-based portal.

24. The system of claim 23 further comprising

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module for configuring said particular web-based content to a particular local market utilizing said predefined web-based authoring tools.

25. A program product residing in computer memory in a remote computer network for interactively delivering business chamber resources to business chamber customers via a web-based portal, wherein said remote computer network has at least one client connectable to one or more servers, said program product comprising:

procurement module residing in a computer for generating a list of particularized supplier data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said particularized supplier data is accessible via said web-based portal;

training module residing in a computer for displaying interactive training data, in response to a particular user input, wherein said interactive training data is displayed within said web-based portal;

access-to-capital module residing in a computer for compiling banking and lending data tailored to a particular user, in response to a particular user input, wherein said compiled banking and lending data is accessible via said web-based portal; and

chamber management module residing in a computer for displaying online business chamber management tools within said

web-based portal dedicated to enhancing business chamber management, communication and productivity.

26. The program product of claim 25 wherein said procurement module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for compiling a supplier database having supply data therein;

module residing in a computer for analyzing said supply database in response to a user request to view particular supply data;

module residing in a computer for automatically notifying a particular supplier associated with said particular supply data;

module residing in a computer for permitting said supplier to contact said user, in response to automatically notifying said particular supplier associated with said particular supply data, thereby enabling a procurement opportunity for said user; and

module residing in a computer for automatically tracking entries of said user to compile a history of said user's purchasing opportunities and supply data questions.

27. The program product of claim 26 wherein said training module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for prompting a user to select particular training data;

module residing in a computer for displaying training data via an online curriculum within said web-based portal, in response to a user selection of particular training data;

module residing in a computer for accessing said online curriculum;

module residing in a computer for interactively permitting user to provide user feedback, in response to accessing said online curriculum; and

module residing in a computer for evaluating said user feedback to provide educational and training responses thereof.

28. The program product of claim 27 wherein said access-to-capital module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for permitting lending institutions to post banking and lending data within said web-based portal;

module residing in a computer for prompting a user to select particular banking and lending data from said web-based portal; and

module residing in a computer for tracking said user's selections and responses thereof.

29. The program product of claim 28 wherein said access-to-capital module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for analyzing user-provided financial data from a user;

module residing in a computer for referring said user to a particular lending institution; and

module residing in a computer for generating an online application template by which a user may enter data to request a loan from said particular lending institution, if said user indicates a desire to apply for a loan from said particular lending institution.

30. The program product of claim 29 wherein said chamber management module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for compiling an online chamber membership directory according to industry codes;

module residing in a computer for organizing said online chamber membership directory according categories based on said industry codes; and

module residing in a computer for permitting a user to update said online chamber membership directory via said web-based portal.

31. The program product of claim 30 wherein said chamber management module further comprises:

module residing in a computer for compiling an online library of business chamber member-contributed data; and

module residing in a computer for permitting a user to access said online library via said web-based portal.

32. The program product of claim 31 further comprising:

module residing in a computer for permitting selected users to remotely customize said web-based portal to display information tailored to a particular local market.

33. The program product of claim 32 wherein the step of accessing said online curriculum, further comprises:

instruction module residing in a computer for permitting a user to access an online curriculum session;

instruction module residing in a computer for recording a position of said user in said online curriculum session, if said user terminates said online curriculum session accessed by said user; and

instruction module residing in a computer for resuming said online curriculum session at said position, in response to an immediately succeeding access of said online curriculum session by said user, thereby enabling said user to return to said online curriculum session at said user's personal convenience.

34. The program product of claim 33 further comprising:

instruction module residing in a computer for recording a particular amount of time associated with said online curriculum session.

35. The program product of claim 34 further comprising:

instruction module residing in a computer for permitting said user to author particular web-based content utilizing predefined web-based authoring tools accessible through said web-based portal.

36. The program product of claim 35 further comprising

instruction module residing in a computer for configuring said particular web-based content to a particular local market utilizing said predefined web-based authoring tools.

37. The program product of claim 36 wherein each of said instruction modules further comprise signal-bearing media.

38. The program product of claim 37 wherein said signal-bearing media comprises transmission media.

39. The program product of claim 38 wherein said signal-bearing media comprises recordable media.